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LOK SABHA

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OUSTEES OF BBMB
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the welfare measures taken for the displaced peoples by the Bhakra Beas Management Board, Chandigarh;

(b) the welfare measures taken by the Board in the areas under its jurisdiction specially in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the amount released each year for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : During the construction of Bhakra Dam Project, Punjab Government, as per the approved Rehabilitation & Resettlement (R&R) Policy had taken necessary action for the settlement of the displaced persons and this was completed during the period prior to the formation of the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). Regarding Pong Dam oustees, action on their settlement is being undertaken by the respective State Governments (Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh) under the guidance of the High Powered Committee constituted by the government under the orders of Hon`ble Supreme Court headed by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources with the Revenue Secretaries of the Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan as its members.

The social welfare activities undertaken by the BBMB in the areas under its jurisdiction, including in Himachal Pradesh, during the last three years include free medical camps, donation of benches, mats and ceiling fans to Government schools, development of children parks in schools, de-silting of ponds, donation of sports and amusement facilities to Government schools and drinking water arrangements. The amount released for this purpose during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount released
2004-05	Rs.8.27 lacs
2005-06	Rs.45.88 lacs
2006-07	Rs.43.16 lacs